

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THAT SWEET TENDER DISPOSITION

Cultivate it Until it Becomes a Part of
Your Very Nature.

You Can be Firm and Still Possess the Tender Gentle Spirit

It has often been said that you can catch more flies with molasses than you can with vinegar. It may not be a good comparison to compare people with flies, but as it is our purpose to win the lost to Christ there is certainly some need of knowing the best way to do it.

You probably have seen some, who, in their efforts to win the lost have been the means of driving them away from the services altogether or acted and talked in a way to cause the unbelievers to resent any words of exhortation or teaching.

As we have for our principles and foundation the acts and teachings of the apostles, and pride ourselves in patterning after them rather than any reformer or modern teacher, we must live so close to Jesus that it can be said of us as of old, "and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

I scarcely ever read certain verses of Paul's instructions to the Ephesians without my eyes becoming moistened with tears. It seems that he takes one into such close relationship with himself and the tender loving Jesus that my spirit is more or less subdued and broken. "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour."

When I reread these verses it always makes me feel a little more tender and it seems that I feel a deeper love for the brethren kindling in my breast. It not only makes me feel more tender toward the brethren, but there is a feeling of tenderness that radiates from my

heart toward the poor lost souls that are in constant danger of being dragged into the tortures of hell by the snares and traps of hell's army. Then how careful I want to be as I approach them. How tenderly I want to deal with them. I want to repel the least approach to harshness. I want to be as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove.

It is truly our privilege and duty to cultivate such a tender gentle disposition until it becomes a part of our very nature. We need to become so saturated with divine love that our involuntary actions and words will always reveal it without any effort on our part.

To have this kind of a disposition does not mean we are to be flimsy and influenced and wafted about by any and everything that comes along. One can be firm and steadfast and still possess the tender gentle spirit. We are taught to be firm and steadfast and unmovable in the doctrine and service of the Lord the same as to be gentle.

The members of the Church of God are making a reputation of firmness and tenderness that no other people on earth have shown since the days of the apostles and their immediate followers. Our hand-shakes seem more thrilling. Our words seem more moistened with that tender love of Jesus. The expression of the face seems more attractive and drawing.

The holy kisses and vigorous embraces that follow with our people are almost unknown among any others as they are practiced among our people. This is not over-drawing the picture. This is nothing to be ashamed of, but rather it is to be prized and cherished.

Satan may try to carry this to an extreme and undertake to force these expressions of love to be practiced between men and women the same as men with men or women

with women, but we know his slimey devices and resist such devilish notions and hold all these where they belong and repudiate the slightest appearances of free-lovism and lustfulness.

Shame on the man and woman that allow themselves to fall into such hellish notions. Shame on those that fall from chastity and innocence to the extent that such hellish practices will even enter the mind with the intent to yield to them. The men and women should love each other, but it must be that pure true heavenly love that would revolt at the least approach to lust or the appearance of evil. Too close an intimacy between the sexes must be avoided, and shunned as a dose of the vilest poison. Give no place to the devil, abstain from the very appearance of evil are advices and commands given by Paul.

You can be sweet and tender and polite and courteous and still exercise judgment and good common sense enough to stay in your places. If you are a woman, be a woman right. If you are a man, be a man in truth, and show to the gazing world that you know how to behave yourselves as becometh men professing godliness. Lustfulness, fornication, adultery, false love, hypocrisy, pride and such like are an abomination to God, and those who possess such traits will sooner or later be put to shame and exposed by Satan's own wiles if such traits are not discovered and forever put away and hidden far beneath the cleansing blood of Christ.

Satan is now sending his agents among us to try to draw us from God's eternal purpose. It becomes a question with some how such are to be treated if we should be loving and tender and gentle toward all men but I can treat a physician with respect and still refuse his damnable medicines. I can entertain a stranger and still not accept him in my house to fill us with the devil's poison doctrine. If you couldn't be tender toward a man and at the same time send him away from your house because he tries to infuse poison teaching into you and your family, you may need to go

deeper into the depths of the mystery of Christ.

Don't allow Satan to take advantage of your innocence and desire to be tender, and persuade you to sit and listen at him as he pours a sluice of poison that if followed will land you in hell, just because you want to be tender and courteous.

It is of vast importance to have shepherds to watch for your souls, and when the shepherd sounds the note of warning you should take heed to his loving counsel and warning. If the pastor refuses to let one preach in his stand you should not take the man to your home and tell him he can preach at your house. Stand by your pastor, and the man he rejects you reject too, and you can do this and still be tender and loving.

There may be room for some improvement with many of us on these lines, and let us still plead with God to make us what we ought to be, and give us wisdom and understanding and a deeper and more extensive experience that will make us more like our blessed Lord. Loving and kind, but firm as a rock. Gentle and tender, but solid and steadfast.

God is with us. God is teaching. Let us stay low and humble and He will see us through.

NEW CHURCH HOUSE

The Church of God at Hayesville, N. C., known as the Tusquitee church, have secured a suitable place to build a new church house which we most assuredly stand in need of. Our people are mostly poor as far as financial wealth is concerned, but we have some dear people who are rich in faith and we are praying that God will touch the hearts of those whom He has been blessing on financial lines and who loves the dear old Church of God, to make the church at this place a special contribution for the purpose of assisting in the building. We will greatly appreciate any help we may receive, and while we are praying to this end we are believing that our Lord will do it for He can work and none can kinder and He loves a cheerful giver.

Well praise the Lord for

victory thus far. We expect to have a good house, and we ask all who are not in position to lend a helping hand otherwise to send up a special prayer that God will lay it upon others who can.

The Church of God,
Tusquitee, N. C.
C. C. Martin, Treas.
Building Committee,
Hayesville, N. C.

Ready For Service.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Evangel Family—
Greetings in Jesus' Name.

I want to praise God for what He is to me and for victory over sin. Glory to His name. Truly it is all through Him that we have this blessing.

Will say to all who read these lines that after having endured many, many discouragements from the enemy that I have decided to enter the evangelistic work again for this year and all calls will be prayerfully considered. I ask all who may read this to pray for me, that this will be the greatest year of my life.

Your humble servant,
J. C. Padgett,
R. 3, Box 14, Lake Park,
Georgia.

McMinnville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I want to tell a little of the great things God has done for the people here.

We had a revival and four were filled with the Holy Ghost and one sanctified.

I praise God for sending brother Brouayer this way. The church was set in order with eighteen members. We had the Lord's supper and feet washing on December 25, 1915.

The Lord sure did work. One sister handled fire. Glory to God.

I am still praising the Lord for the blessed Holy Ghost that abides in my soul.

Your brother in Christ,
H. V. Freeman.

A Request.

Dear Mr. Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I want you all to pray for me because I am in back-slidden condition, but I still want to do the Lord's will. I thank the Lord because He has been so merciful to me. So please pray for me for I know this is the only way.

Welburn Hefner.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

A revival has broken out in Augusta, Ga., and quite a number have received the Holy Ghost.

At Ft. Myers, Fla., the power is falling and quite a number have received the Holy Ghost. Brother Lemons and brother and sister Haynes are there.

The assembly building committee met at the Evangel office the 15th inst. and listened to some very interesting propositions. They are all enthusiastic over the prospects, and advancement of the Church of God, but are not yet ready to give a report to the public.

We will take pleasure in supplying the workers with copies of the Evangel for distribution. Can send any number you want to be used carefully. Let us have a card the first of the week stating where you will want them sent the last of the same week.

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Self-Denial a Chief Characteristic In the Lives of All True Followers of Jesus.

Sam C. Perry

Few sayings of Jesus stand out more prominently than Matt. 16:24. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." And yet how little attention is given it. Throughout the whole Bible this principle of denying the naturel man's desires and will is most prominent.

The most prominent of Bible models were men who denied themselves of the eath's most promising offers, the friendship of the leading men, and often suffered for food and clothing. Notice such characters as Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, Daniel, John Baptist, Peter, Saint Paul and others who suffered to maintain their stand for God and His truth.

No doubt this is the reason that the gospel has so few who are strict adherents to its principles, they can't bear the cross, or at least the human heart shrinks from bearing the cross, men want a way that is more pleasing to the natural heart. This is the reason that false theories and false religions are so on the increase, they have no cross, they do not require the crucifixion of the self life.

If you determine to what extent self has been subdued, and his preference set aside, you may know your progress in the Christ-life, for as he increases in us, we will decrease. Lack of self-denial is a necessary evidence of a lack of the Christ-life within. Self must be crucified, if we live the victorious life which is "by the faith of the Son of God." Read Gal. 2:20 This is not an experience of an occasional day or occasion either, but in our daily walk, through all the details of our earthly life. Self must be in the back ground, if the Christ is exalted in us.

There are some ways in which this self-denial life will be manifest.

1. In giving up earthly possessions for Jesus. Such as standing, positions, and material goods, even taking up a life of harder, less profitable, and less honorable employment, because of our faithful and determined stand for the truth as it is in Jesus. The Lord may allow you just as much earthly prosperity and blessing as you enjoyed before but the chances are He may not, and in that case you should adjust your-

self cheerfully to whatever circumstances you may find about you. Read Heb. 10:33-34.

It seems some have compromised the truth, rather than give up their strong grip on earthly things. This is very evidently the reason why many of God's professed children are falling short, they cannot keep self from reaching out to the offers of this active, commercial, money-making world.

2. In giving up our way, self is usually very pronounced in his opinions and views of things, and in religious matters he is no exception. A great victory has been gained indeed when he so gives up that he has no preference in any thing, but just desires the Lord's truth, and that every thing shall move as most pleases and glorifies Him who is our great Head.

3. Living "in honor preferring one another." Its away along in the crucified life that self is willing to take a back seat, and let another be honored. How strange that self wants the highest, easiest, most comfortable, and the best paying. He certainly seeks his own until Christ puts him to the cross. If he can't get what he wants otherwise he will pity himself and declare that he is having the hardest time of any body. But when he dies all this stops.

4. Another trait of the self-denying character is manifested in liberality. Free to divide any comforts or necessities of life with those in need. It goes so far as to suffer, in a measure, with those who are in actual want. Some have occasionally felt a deep impression that a child of God or some of His poor were in urgent need, and have hasted to carry or send food or money which came just in time to prevent suffering.

5. Abstaining from rich or expensive food, and costly or fashionable clothing, has long been considered a mark of self-denial which becomes God's children. So many today who profess a high state of grace, and a deep type of spirituality, but do not know the first lesson in these Bible teachings. No wonder they are so shallow in things of God, and are too weak to stand against the enemy.

May God help every read-

er of these lines to examine himself, and if we are not up to our Standard, let us make a move forward all along the line. God's promises are true. He will be all, and give all to us, that he has promised. We need not fear, only be sure that we are fully in His hands.

Camp Meeting.

The colored people of the Church of God will hold their annual camp meeting at Miami, Fla., Feb. 18-27, 1916.

We extend a cordial invitation to all the saints in Florida and the Bahama Islands. This may be the last camp meeting we will ever have in peaceful times. We earnestly hope that many of God's children can come together with one mind, one heart and one soul. We expect a glorious time.

J. D. Williams, Clerk.

Subscriptions for Assembly Building.

By order of the Assembly the names of those who pledged to pay into the building fund appear below. As the amounts are paid the names will be discontinued as a receipt for same.

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HOW TO EVANGELIZE

By Geo. T. Brouayec.

To the Church of God and Saints Scattered Abroad, Greeting:

Our dear General Overseer asked the state overseers to speak at the assembly on the subject, "The Best and Quickest Way to Evangelize," and as time would not permit to go into full details I feel I would like to write a little on the subject.

Now, there is in the dear old Bible some where a plan for evangelizing just as truly as there is a plan for everything else, but not having searched it out we may never have gotten to it perfectly.

It is a noticable fact that the apostles most always went two and two. And one of the most important things was that they went out from Jerusalem with one heart and one soul. That is what brought fear upon every soul, and that is going to bring the same results in our day.

When we get men that will stand firmly for God's truth just as it is, and will not compromise for the sake of human sympathy or for filthy lucre or anything else then it will be that we can go forth with the same results. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Well, we see that Jesus paid tribute and no where was He ever accused of not paying tithes. They called Him a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners, casting out devils by the prince of devils, and accused Him of almost everything they could think of but refusing to pay tithes.

Now tithes were neither symbolical or figurative, but the paying of tithes was an unending force. We bring the tithes to the Lord or the store house; not because we think He needs them, but because they belong to Him. To withhold them is not merely stinginess, but robbery. This is God's plan for His church and without this plan God has planted a church without a plan. We do not believe He has done that, for Paul and the other apostles tried it in the beginning and found it very successful for we hear Paul as he cried out, Every creature has heard the gospel.

I am sure when all the dear members of the dear old Church of God begin to pay their tithes and stop robbing God this world will soon be evangelized, for I am sure this is God's plan.

We understand there are some who have been paying tithes that have stopped for some cause, and Jesus said,

"No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:52. And again He said, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46. And John says, "He that saith, I know him, and heepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 Jno. 2:4.

Now at Math. 5:17, 18 we read that Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." And Paul says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Tim. 3:16, 17). "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." (Rom. 15:4). So that being the case we are going back and come forward a little space.

We turn back to Gen. 14:20 and read. "And blessed be the most high God which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hands, and he gave Him tithes of all." Now I want to say that this is where the unending force began that we mentioned at the beginning, and that was neither symbolical or typical.

We find at Lev. 27:20, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord." Then at Mal. 3:7-12, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?" Now this is the place where they had put their hand to the plow and looked back. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." And I want to say right here that He means ALL. Not pay your grocery

bill and tithe the rest, but bring in ALL the tithes. It does not mean to pay your Ry. fare and if you have any left pay tithes of it, but bring in all that there way be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts."

Now please notice Neh. 10:38. "And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes: And the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure house." Then read Num. 18:24, "But the tithe of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance."

So you see that the preacher that is working at manual labor is out of his place. People are robbing God and he has had to go back to the fields again. This is one way that evangelization is much hindered. It could just as well be said of us as it was of them in Acts 4:34, 35. "Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution made unto every man according as he had need."

Again we read from Paul, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack." (2 Cor. 8:12-15).

Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments," and He said as given at Math. 23:23, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of

mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." And Luke 11:42 gives about the same words: and also at Heb. 7:1-10 shows where we are to pay them.

Now dear saints of God, if we are interested about the gospel going to the lost world, let us stop robbing God, and bring the tithes into the store house that there may be meat in His house, and the gospel will soon go around the world and usher in the coming of our King. Jesus said, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?"

Whittier, Cal.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

Well we do praise our heavenly Father for His wonderful love to us. He has so wonderfully blessed us—supplying all our needs. While our bodies are growing old and strength failing, yet we are praising God.

In the fall we took our team and went north about 300 miles, held some meetings on the way, then we went up in the mountains to carry the gospel to the mountain people. On our way up the mountain we found an old man 75 years old that was raised in Georgia. He was a hard sinner. We labored with him in the home all alone until he was blessedly saved and shouted and praised God.

We then went on up the mountain and found another old man 86 years old. He had been living there on a ranch forty years. The Lord wonderfully save him and the man and his wife with whom he lived. This was in the home. Then we went up the mountain and found a little school house. Held two services there. They were fine and the Father so wonderfully blest. I had the privilege of preachig in the valley several times among the Presbyterians and Menonites. Some of them got hungry for the Holy Ghost. Their preacher was convinced and is seek his baptism. Well help us prise the Lord for what He is doing.

A brother of the Friends church came to our home the other day and wanted to know what we believed. I went and preached in his mission and the blessing of God was wonderfully poured out on us and he said they never had such a meeting.

One sanctified and others seeking.

To the honor of God I wish to say that about a year ago when I asked you to have the church there to pray for my body, God did wonderfully touch my body at the very time they prayed, for which I do praise the Lord.

Will the saints please pray for me and my wife.

W. C. Hockett.

Statenville, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Please give me space in our paper to sound a note of praise to the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am a true believer in the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I have a deep settled peace in my soul and love unfeigned. God is all in all to me. I am here in this world of trouble, but I don't forget to pray. I have a hard fight with the enemy.

Please pray for me that I may stay down low at the feet of Jesus and serve Him.

Yours in Jesus,
G. D. Pearson.

Ringgold, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are having a wonderful meeting here. Holiness has never been preached here before.

Nine have been saved from sin, eight sanctified and ten received the Holy Ghost in the last twenty days. We are looking for the Lord to do a wonderful work here. Brother Scott from Ridgedale, Tenn., was with us three nights, last week, and expects to be here this week.

Your brother in Christ,
W. M. Long.

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DIVINE GOVERNMENT

The One Thing Essential to Success Without it the Church of God is a Failure.

E. W. Simpson.

For an illustration, let us look at the great powers of the world. Jesus, Himself, took temporal things to explain spiritual things. Sometimes one thing, some times another, such as "The sheep and the shepherd," "The vine the branches," etc.

Behold the great locomotive boilers filled with water and fire. They way produce the maximum pounds of steam, may buzz, roar and make a great noise, but unless the boiler is connected with other machinery in good working order, which we call the engine, it will not accomplish anything. Notice, the boiler makes plenty of steam so long as there are plenty of fire and water. But of what value without the engine and operator?

The same boiler, give her a good engine and engineer and see her moving across the hill drawing a long string of cars. The pop-valve may not be up but she is making gain for the owners. The steam is being utilized and not wasted on the stand-still boilers.

Again, let us turn our vision heavenward. In the distance we see the beautiful blue sky. As time elapses, we look again, the blue sky has changed. Behold, the storm clouds! The lightning radiating profusely, the peals of thunder reverberating across the heavens, impressing on the mind of the deep observer, that unlimited power is running at large.

This power we call electricity harnessed up, viz: Confined and controlled, becomes the mighty agent that moves the trolley cars, lights the great city, etc. This electricity roaming at large may be just as strong and powerful as when confined and controlled. But as agent of power to move the world and bless humanity, it is good for nothing "but an ornament to adorn the sky" until it is confined and controlled—harnessed up. Then it becomes the mighty agent that turns darkness into light, mourning into joy, and makes toil, drudgery and impossibilities, things of the past. Life then becomes pleasure and profit.

Let us now look at the people of God, here and yonder on this great globe; we find bodies of saints, some sanctified, some baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, some

believe in one work of grace, some two and some three, all struggle for an existence, but not many are as spiritual as they were when they began. We find crossed spirits, envy, strife, jealousy, back-biting, etc.

But why all this retrogression? Ah, no government.

We now look at these who believe and accept His government, which is "Theocratic in form," who are known as the "Church of God" or "Body of Jesus Christ."

Let us walk about Zion, mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; the great City of our God. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth. The City of the great King; the New Jerusalem with her streets of gold and sparkling walls of Jasper and her foundations furnished with select material and adorned in raiment of needle work to the value of all manner of precious stones. The habitation of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost forever and forever. Alpha and omega the beginning and the ending.

Of His government and peace there shall be no end. God's government is the only one that ever was or ever will be, that brings perfect peace and satisfaction to the good.

Man made governments generate strife, sedition, heresies, divisions, contentions and almost everything but the deep settled peace and satisfaction to the good.

But the government of God, with her banner floating high, while she presses forward with the strength of the lion and the flight of the Eagle, evangelizing in all parts of the world, turning darkness into day, mourning into joy; bringing the wandering sheep back to their original resting place, finding the old paths and land marks and hoisting an ensign for the weary pilgrims to find their way to Mt. Zion, is what the people need today.

Odum, Ga.

Dear brother Tomlinson:

Greeting to the Evangel family.—We have just closed a meeting at this place. Several saved and sanctified and the little town stirred.

This makes the third meeting we have held in this country. The first one was

three miles of Jesup, Ga. A good many got saved and several were sanctified and ten received the Holy Ghost and I set the church in order with 16 members and many more to follow, we believe. Went from there to Bethlehem, Ga., and had a very good meeting there. Several were saved, but only one received the Holy Ghost, but you know some have to go and sow the seed and I am not afraid to sow Holiness seed for they never rot.

Brother Earl Turner, my singer, was called away on account of the sickness of his brother. Hope he will soon return.

Here in Odum it got too cold for the tent and the Methodists opened their house and asked me to go in, so we did and the Lord gave us good services and they say they are going this way.

We never met better folks. They supplied us with everything we needed. We pray God's blessing upon them. We will never forget their kindness to us. We will leave many friends here. God bless them all.

I want to say, I am ready to answer all the calls for meetings that I can in the south while the weather is cold as I can't use my tent in the north while it is winter. I have a good tent and want to use it right on winter and summer, so if any one wants me to hold meetings notify me at Odum, Ga.

We desire the prayers of all the saints that we may stay in the center of His will. Love to all the saints.

W. R. Anderson and workers. Sister Bertha Smith at the organ and she makes it ring for the glory of God.

Strong Appeal for Alabama.

By W. S. Gentry.

Glad to report that things are moving along very nicely in Alabama. The dear old Church of God is still riding the waves of opposition and is sailing on toward the goal of perfection.

The outlook for 1916 is very bright, in fact we expect this to be the banner year for old Alabama.

While the nations are fighting one another and the cry of wars and rumors of wars are being heard over the land, we want to buckle on the "shield of faith" a little tighter and press the battle against sin and the devil harder than ever before. I am going to ask all those who hold evangelists papers in Ala. to try and make your arrangements to enter the evangelistic work by April

or write me what your reasons are for not doing so, and maybe I can help you. Those credentials you have to preach are not worth any thing to you on the farm, or in the mills. If God has called you to preach, this is the time you are needed. If He has called you to work on the farm or in the mills you don't need any credentials to preach, do you? Also, I am going to ask every minister in Ala. whether evangelist deacon or pastor who are not paying your tithes to please do so this year, not so much for the sake of the money but because the time has come when we ministers must hoist the standard, not only by precept but by example, as well. (1 Tim. 4:12.)

There is an old adage that says "you can't raise the branch any higher than the spring," and I notice where the deacons and ministers pay their tithes a number of the members have gone to paying likewise, but where the deacons fail the members usually fail too.

Brethren, let us clean out the old spring and see if we can't raise it up a few rounds, and see if you won't help the branch a little. What do you say?

I earnestly call on every member of the church in Alabama to do all you can this year to help spread this wonderful gospel. If you can preach, get out and get at it; if you can't preach you can give your means and help to send those who can preach.

There are hundreds of people in Alabama that have never heard the full gospel. Many of them are hungry and are praying for God to send one to tell them of this wonderful way, and about the great Church of God. Your humble servant is willing to go through any kind of hardship and suffering or make any sacrifice that will help in any way to get the full gospel to these hungry souls. What are you willing to do?

We give a hearty welcome to evangelists from other states that want to come to Alabama. We will do all we can for you but we don't want any to come boasting about what you have done or what you can do, as we do not want folks that commend themselves, but those that God commends.

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